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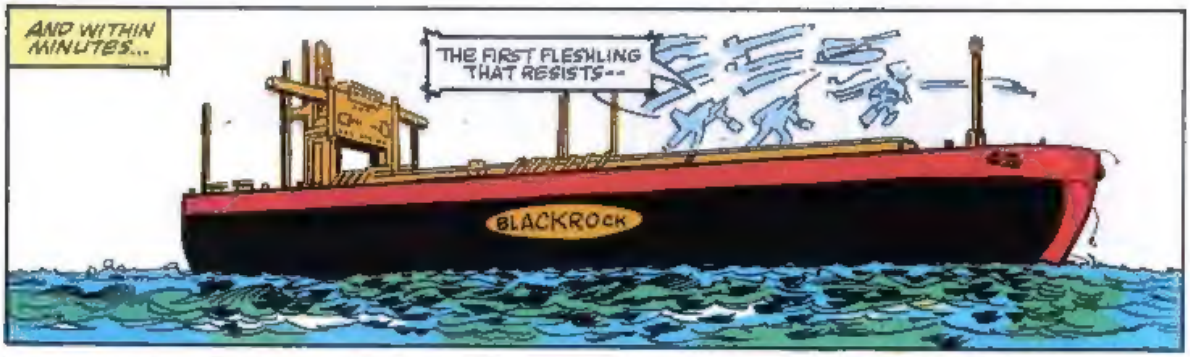
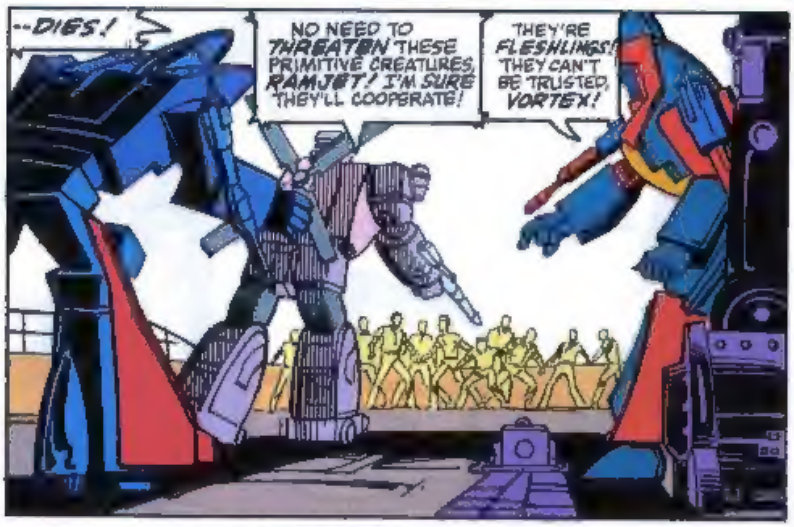
FETCH!

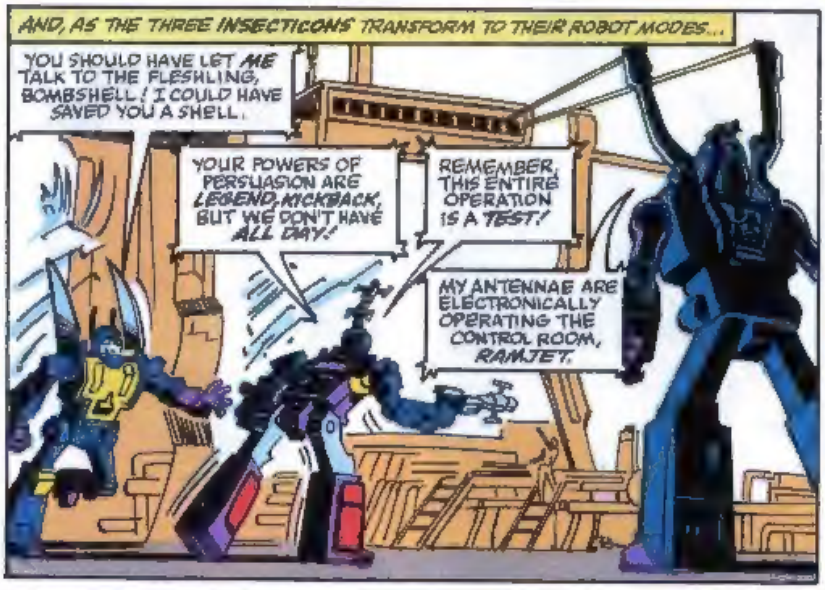
BLACKROCK

BUSTER WITWICKY
and the
CAR WASH OF DOOM
ON AN OIL TANKER SOMEWHERE ON THE CARIBBEAN SEA...
SURRENDER, FLESHLINGS! SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF THE DECEPTICONS!
WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
WHO CARES-- THEY'RE HERE!
YEAH-- AND THEY COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES!
GET AWAY FROM ME!
BOB BUDIANSKY WRITER
DON PERLIN BREAKDOWNS
JIM FERN FINISHES
RICK PARKER LETTERER
NEL YOMTOV COLORIST
DON DALEY EDITOR
JIM SHOOTER ED. IN CHIEF


AND WITHIN MINUTES...
THE FIRST FLESHLING THAT RESISTS--
BLACKROCK

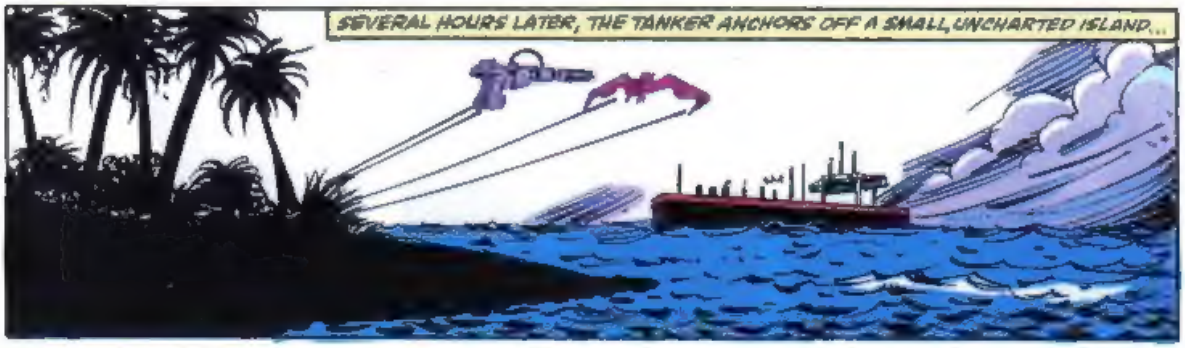

--DIES!
NO NEED TO THREATEN THESE PRIMITIVE CREATURES, RAMJET! I'M SURE THEY'LL COOPERATE!
THEY'RE FLESHLINGS! THEY CAN'T BE TRUSTED, VORTEX!

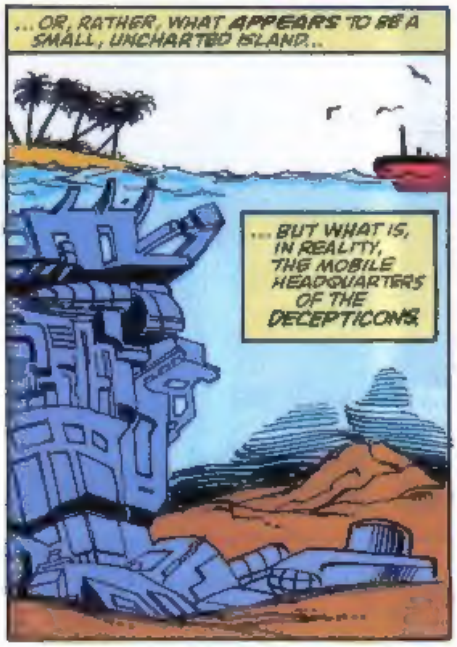
THRUST IS RIGHT! BUT ONCE I PLANT A CEREBRO-SHELL IN THIS FLESHLING'S HEAD MODULE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO LIE!
¡OUCH!
BZZZT!
WHERE IS THIS VESSEL'S CONTROL ROOM, FLESHLING?
BLACKROCK
HIS MIND NO LONGER HIS OWN, THE HELPLESS CREWMAN ANSWERS BOMBSHELL'S QUESTION WITHOUT HESITATION.

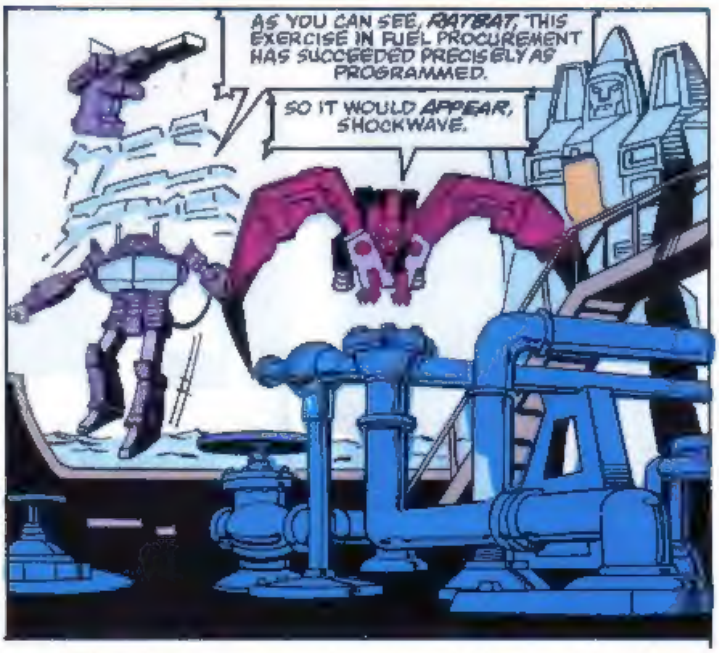

AND, AS THE THREE INSECTICONS TRANSFORM TO THEIR ROBOT MODES...
YOU SHOULD HAVE LET ME TALK TO THE FLESHLING, BOMBSHELL! I COULD HAVE SAVED YOU A SHELL.
YOUR POWERS OF PERSUASION ARE LEGEND, KICKBACK, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY!
REMEMBER, THIS ENTIRE OPERATION IS A TEST!
MY ANTENNAE ARE ELECTRONICALLY OPERATING THE CONTROL ROOM, RAMJET.

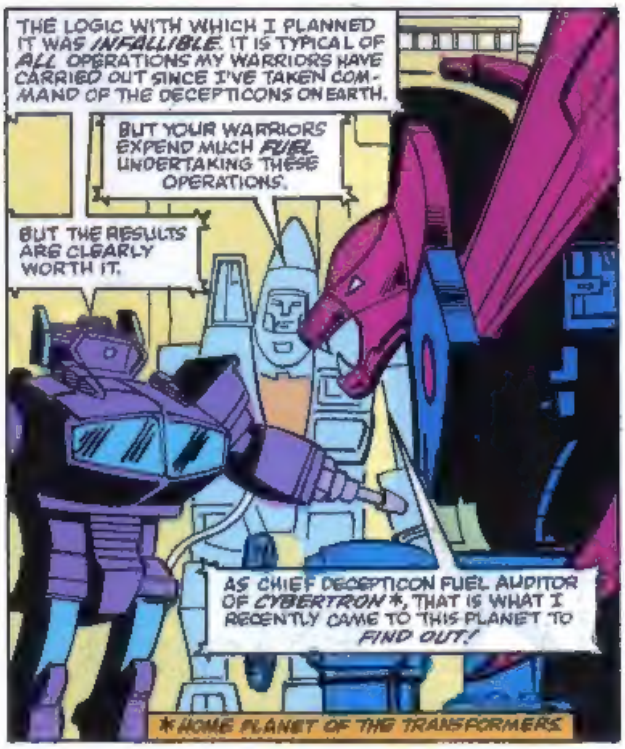
GOOD, SHRAPNEL.
IN THAT CASE, THE PRESENCE OF YOU FLESHLINGS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED...
...AS OF THIS MOMENT!

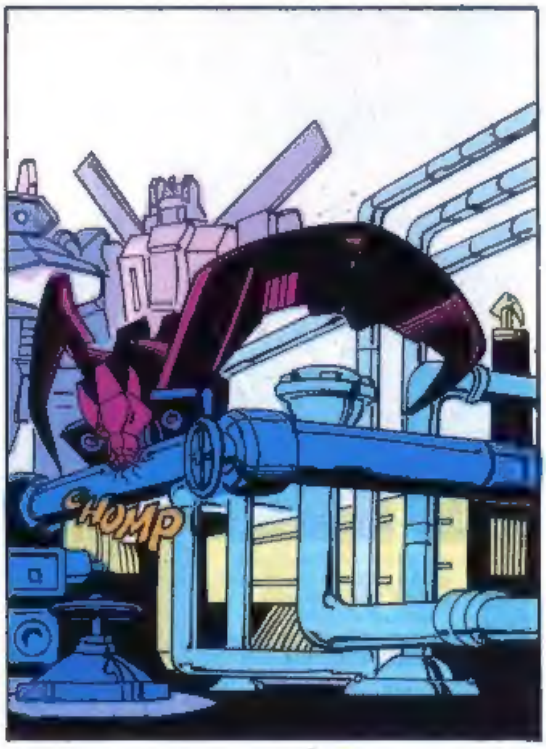
AND MINUTES LATER, AS QUICKLY AS THE ASSAULT ON THE OIL TANKER BEGAN...
...IT IS OVER.


SEVERAL HOURS LATER, THE TANKER ANCHORS OFF A SMALL, UNCHARTED ISLAND...


...OR, RATHER, WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SMALL, UNCHARTED ISLAND...
...BUT WHAT IS, IN REALITY, THE MOBILE HEADQUARTERS OF THE DECEPTICONS.


AS YOU CAN SEE, RATBAT, THIS EXERCISE IN FUEL PROCUREMENT HAS SUCCEEDED PRECISELY AS PROGRAMMED.
SO IT WOULD APPEAR, SHOCKWAVE.


THE LOGIC WITH WHICH I PLANNED IT WAS INFALLIBLE. IT IS TYPICAL OF ALL OPERATIONS MY WARRIORS HAVE CARRIED OUT SINCE I'VE TAKEN COMMAND OF THE DECEPTICONS ON EARTH.
BUT YOUR WARRIORS EXPEND MUCH FUEL UNDERTAKING THESE OPERATIONS.
BUT THE RESULTS ARE CLEARLY WORTH IT.
AS CHIEF DECEPTICON FUEL AUDITOR OF CYBERTRON*, THAT IS WHAT I RECENTLY CAME TO THIS PLANET TO FIND OUT!
*HOME PLANET OF THE TRANSFORMERS.

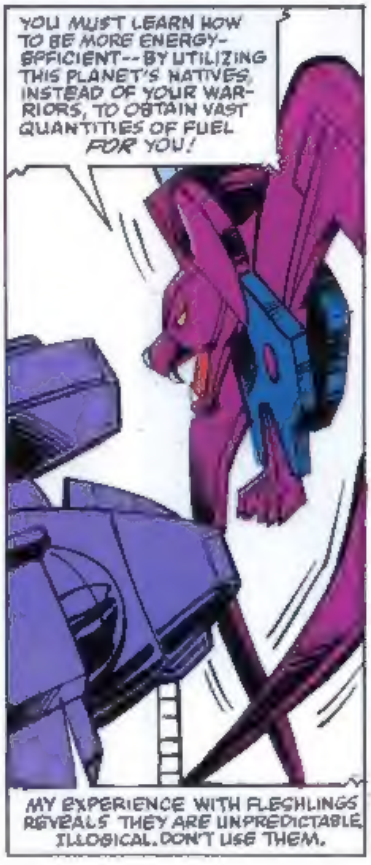

CHOMP

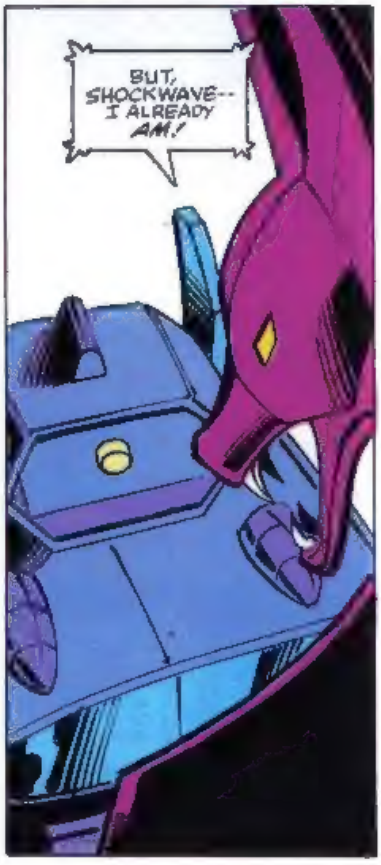
HMM...

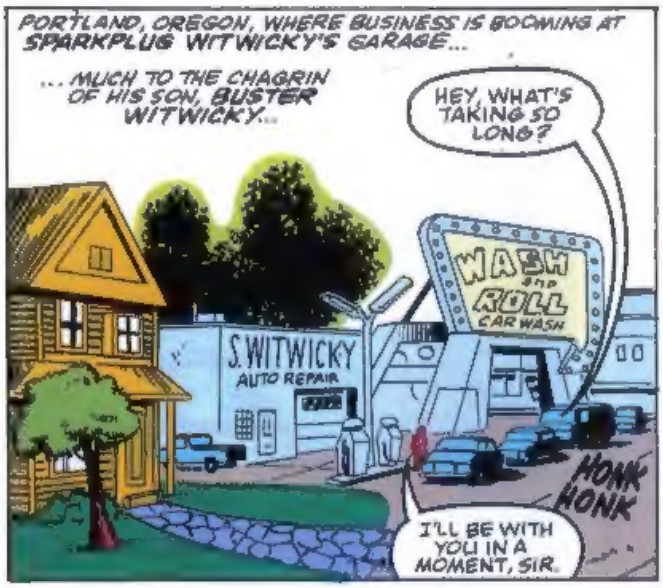
MY MECHAFANGS HAVE SAMPLED ALL TYPES OF FUEL FROM MANY WORLDS, SHOCKWAVE...
...BUT THIS VESSEL CARRIES FUEL OF A VINTAGE YET TO BE DISTILLED--
--IT'S EMPTY!
WHAT?!
MY MECHAFANGS' SENSORS DON'T LIE! OBVIOUSLY, YOUR WARRIORS STOLE THIS VESSEL AFTER IT DELIVERED ITS CARGO!

YOU FOOLS!
NOW, ACCORDING TO MY ROUGH ESTIMATES...

...YOUR WARRIORS CONSUMED APPROXIMATELY 60, 238.4 ENERGY UNITS FOR A NET USABLE RETURN OF 23.4 ENERGY UNITS--
--THAT IS, IF SOMEONE GOES BELOW DECK AND LICKS THE TANKS' WALLS CLEAN!
CLEARLY, YOUR COMMAND IS MORE ENERGY-WASTEFUL THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED, SHOCKWAVE!

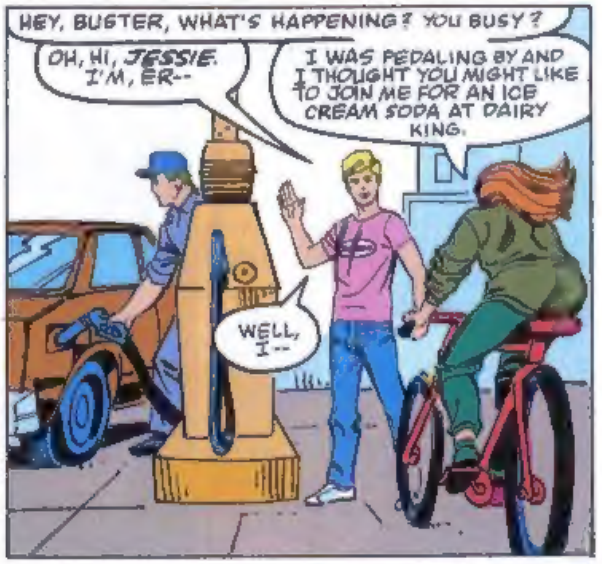

YOU MUST LEARN HOW TO BE MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT--BY UTILIZING THIS PLANET'S NATIVES, INSTEAD OF YOUR WARRIORS, TO OBTAIN VAST QUANTITIES OF FUEL FOR YOU!
MY EXPERIENCE WITH FLESHLINGS REVEALS THEY ARE UNPREDICTABLE, ILLOGICAL. DON'T USE THEM.

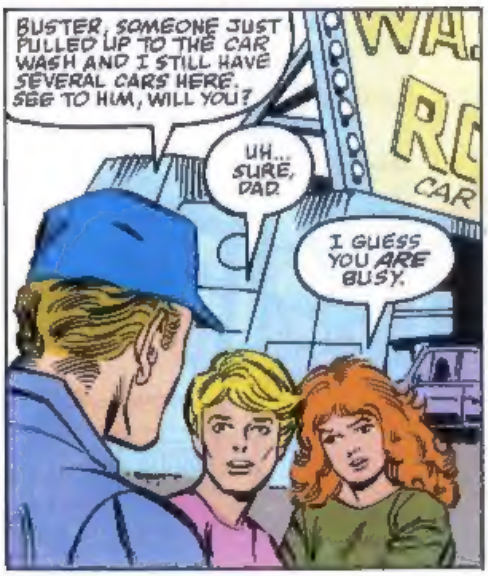

BUT, SHOCKWAVE--I ALREADY AM!


PORTLAND, OREGON, WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING AT SPARKPLUG WITWICKY'S GARAGE...
... MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF HIS SON, BUSTER WITWICKY...
HEY, WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG?
WASH and ROLL CAR WASH
S. WITWICKY AUTO REPAIR
HONK HONK
I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT, SIR.

HERE'S YOUR CHANGE, MA'AM.
EPAIR
HELLO, SON, HOW'RE YOU MANAGING?
BLACKROCK

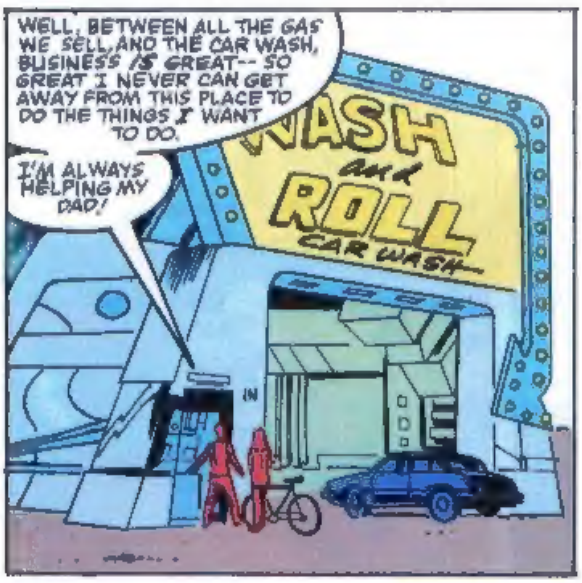
OH, JUST FINE, DAD. NO PROBLEM.
GREAT! NOW THAT I'M BACK I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE CARS-- THEN I HAVE MY OWN TANK TO FILL UP!
BUT, DAD-- DIDN'T YOU FILL UP BEFORE YOU LEFT AN HOUR AGO? WHY ARE YOU--
SPARKY
DCK

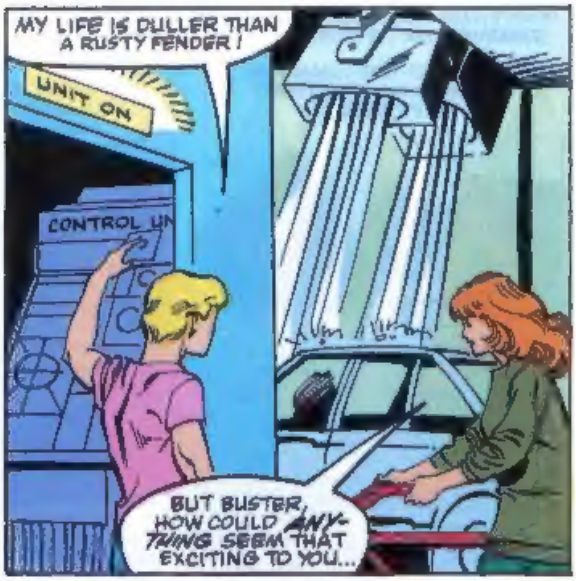

HEY, BUSTER, WHAT'S HAPPENING? YOU BUSY?
OH, HI, JESSIE. I'M, ER--
I WAS PEDALING BY AND I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN ME FOR AN ICE CREAM SODA AT DAIRY KING.
WELL, I--


BUSTER, SOMEONE JUST PULLED UP TO THE CAR WASH AND I STILL HAVE SEVERAL CARS HERE. SEE TO HIM, WILL YOU?
UH... SURE, DAD.
I GUESS YOU ARE BUSY.

SINCE WE OPENED THAT NEW CAR WASH LAST MONTH, WE'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT BUSY.
WELL, AT LEAST YOU AND YOUR DAD MUST BE HAPPY, WHAT WITH ALL THE EXTRA MONEY COMING IN.

SEE THIS? IT'S TODAY'S PAPER.
PORTLAND EXPRESS
GAS SHORTAGE FEARED IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Consumption Way Up
YEAH, FOR WEEKS THAT'S ALL THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT ON THE TV NEWS.


WELL, BETWEEN ALL THE GAS WE SELL AND THE CAR WASH, BUSINESS IS GREAT-- SO GREAT I NEVER CAN GET AWAY FROM THIS PLACE TO DO THE THINGS I WANT TO DO.
I'M ALWAYS HELPING MY DAD!
WASH and ROLL CAR WASH
IN


MY LIFE IS DULLER THAN A RUSTY FENDER!
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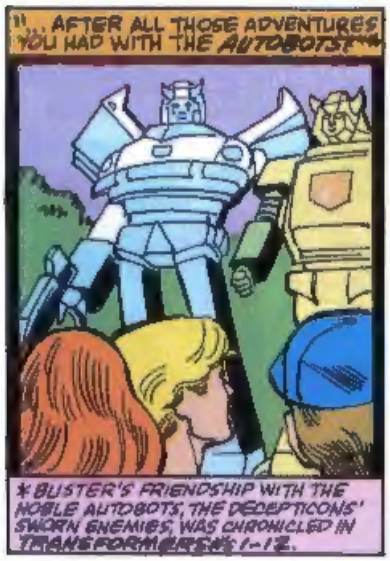
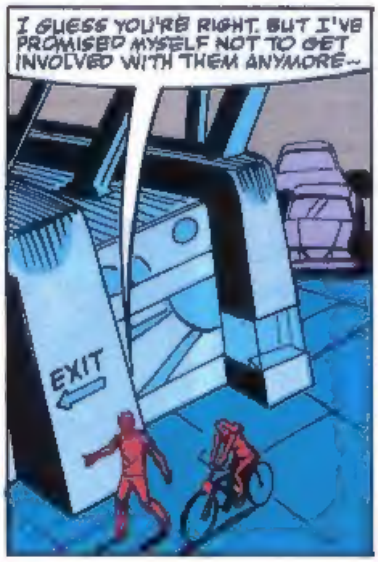
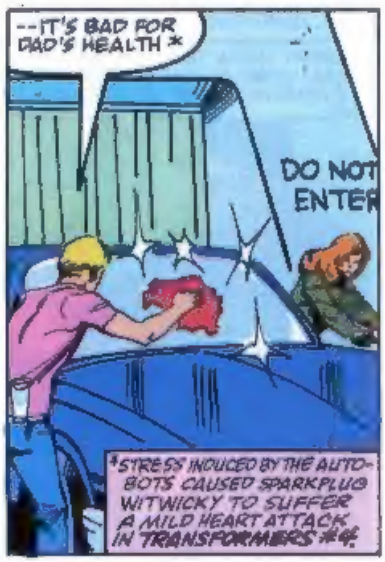
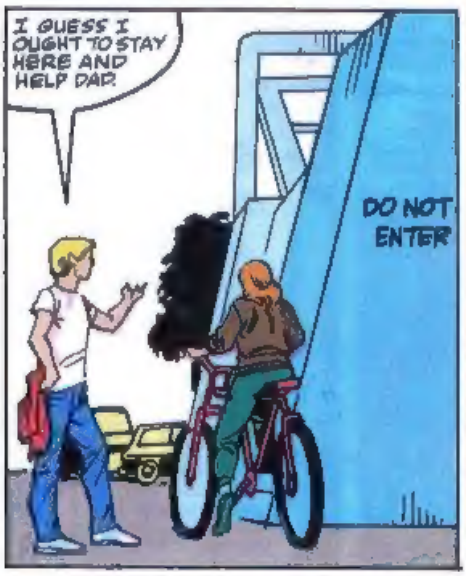
CONTROL UN
BUT BUSTER, HOW COULD ANYTHING SEEM THAT EXCITING TO YOU...

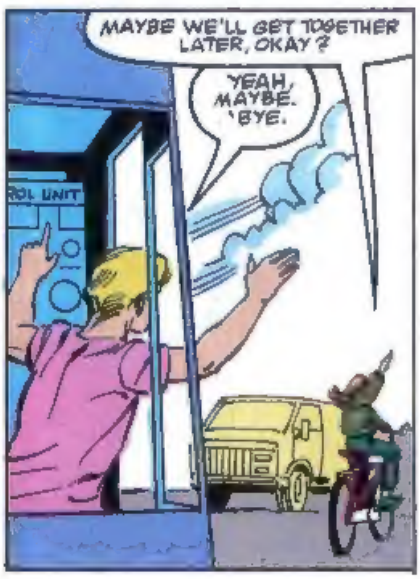

"...AFTER ALL THOSE ADVENTURES YOU HAD WITH THE AUTOBOTS!*"
*BUSTER'S FRIENDSHIP WITH THE NOBLE AUTOBOTS, THE DECEPTICONS' SWORN ENEMIES, WAS CHRONICLED IN TRANSFORMERS #'s 1-12.


I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT I'VE PROMISED MYSELF NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THEM ANYMORE--
EXIT


--IT'S BAD FOR DAD'S HEALTH *
DO NOT ENTER
*STRESS INDUCED BY THE AUTOBOTS CAUSED SPARKPLUG WITWICKY TO SUFFER A MILD HEART ATTACK IN TRANSFORMERS #4.


I GUESS I OUGHT TO STAY HERE AND HELP DAD.
DO NOT ENTER

I UNDERSTAND, BUSTER.


MAYBE WE'LL GET TOGETHER LATER, OKAY?
YEAH, MAYBE. 'BYE.

DOWNTOWN PORTLAND: THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS OF BLACKROCK ENTERPRISES...
...WHERE ITS PRESIDENT, G.E. BLACKROCK, HAS CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE FABULOUS SUCCESS OF MY NEW CAR WASH FRANCHISES--
WASH AND ROLL PROFITS
--WASH AND ROLL... A TOTAL CLEANSING EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH CAR AND DRIVER.
IN ONLY TWO SHORT MONTHS, ITS PROFIT PERFORMANCE IS ALREADY A LEGEND IN THE CORRIDORS OF CORPORATE AMERICA!
WHY THE SUDDEN MOVE INTO THIS AREA, MR. BLACKROCK? YOUR COMPANY IS PRIMARILY KNOWN FOR AEROSPACE, OIL DRILLING AND GAS STATIONS.
BECAUSE BLACKROCK ENTERPRISES HAS ALWAYS PRIDED ITSELF IN EXPLORING NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN ALL FIELDS, MISS DUNKIN.
AND WHEN WE FIND SOMETHING GOOD, WHATEVER IT IS, WE BRING IT DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE.
AND AS GOOD AS WASH AND ROLL IS--
--OUR BRAND NEW WASH AND ROLL MARK II IS EVEN BETTER! I'VE ASKED YOU ALL HERE TO ANNOUNCE ITS DEBUT!
TONIGHT I'LL BE UNVEILING THE REAL THING FOR ALL MY FRANCHISEES.
WASH 'N' ROLL
CAR WASH
BLACKROCK
AFTER A FEW MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, THE PRESS VACATES THE PREMISES...
...AND, APPARENTLY, SO TOO DOES G.E. BLACKROCK'S MIND.

THE BLANK-EYED EXECUTIVE LEAVES THE ROOM...
...AND ENTERS HIS OFFICE...
...WHERE HE PULLS A SMALL TAPE CASSETTE FROM HIS JACKET.
BUT THIS IS NO ORDINARY CASSETTE...
WELL DONE, FLESHLING.
THAT NIGHT...
WASH and ROLL CAR WASH
TIME FOR ONE MORE WASH BEFORE YOU CLOSE, MISTER?
JESSIE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I ALWAYS SAY IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM!
MY BROTHER'S CAR NEEDED A WASH, SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE THIS PLACE A TRY.
WANT TO TAKE A RIDE?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW...
I HEAR IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE WILD! C'MON, GET IN!
CAR WAS
LET ME TURN IT ON FIRST.

C'MON, BUSTER, GET IN--IT'S TIME TO LATHER UP!
WOW! THIS IS GREAT! LOOK AT ALL THE COLORED LIGHTS!
YEAH. GREAT.
AND MUSIC! HEAVY METAL! IT'S LIKE HAVING A DISCO IN YOUR SHOWER!
I NEVER CARED MUCH FOR HEAVY METAL.
THIS IS TOTALLY AWESOME! I NEVER THOUGHT GOING TO A CAR WASH COULD BE SO MUCH FUN!
IF CARNUBA WAX IS YOUR IDEA OF FUN...
BUSTER, IS SOMETHING WRONG? AREN'T YOU ENJOYING THIS?
WELL, I SUPPOSE...
OH--I'M SO THICK! YOU SPEND YOUR WHOLE WORK WEEK STANDING ANKLE-DEEP ALL DAY IN DIRTY WATER AT THIS CAR WASH...
AND IT'S THE FIRST PLACE I SUGGEST WE GO!
I...I WASN'T THINKING.

LET ME APOLOGIZE--
JESSIE!
)MMPHRPH--(
MMMM
MAYBE WE SHOULD DRIVE THROUGH AGA N SO YOU CAN APOLOGIZE SOME MORE, JESSIE
JESSIE?
I , I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW.
HUH? DO YOU WANT ME TO COME ALONG?
NO

JESSIE, ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
I MUST GO
BUT YOU JUST GOT HERE!
JESSIE?
BOY IS SHE ACTING WEIRD!
MAYBE TOO WEIRD-- FOR HER OWN GOOD! WHAT'S GOING ON?!?
I BETTER FOLLOW HER, MAKE SURE SHE STAYS OUT OF TROUBLE
NEARLY AN HOUR LATER
SHE'S TURNING OFF THE HIGHWAY
WHAT REASON COULD SHE HAVE FOR GOING IN THERE?
SECT. A
BLACKROCK

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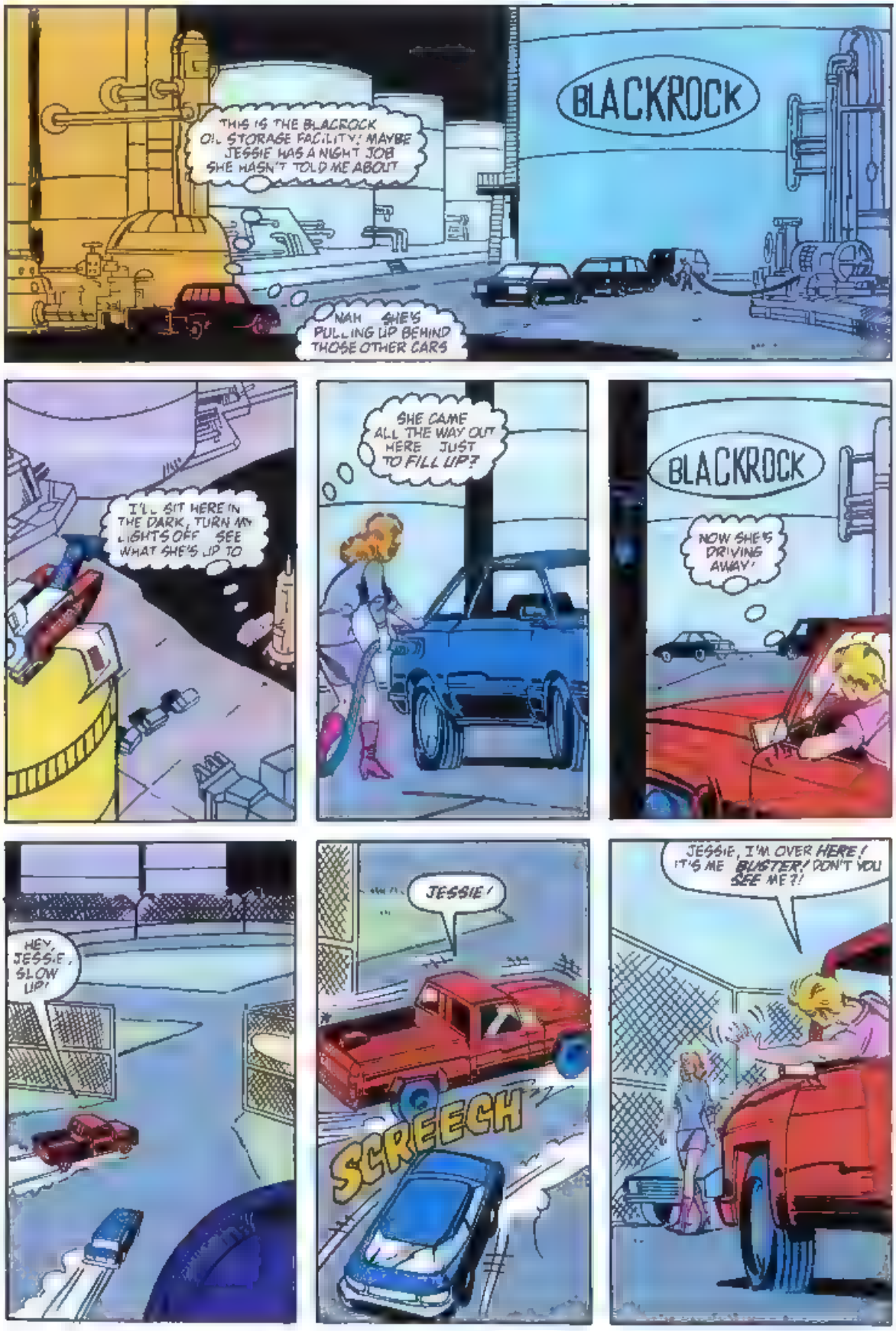
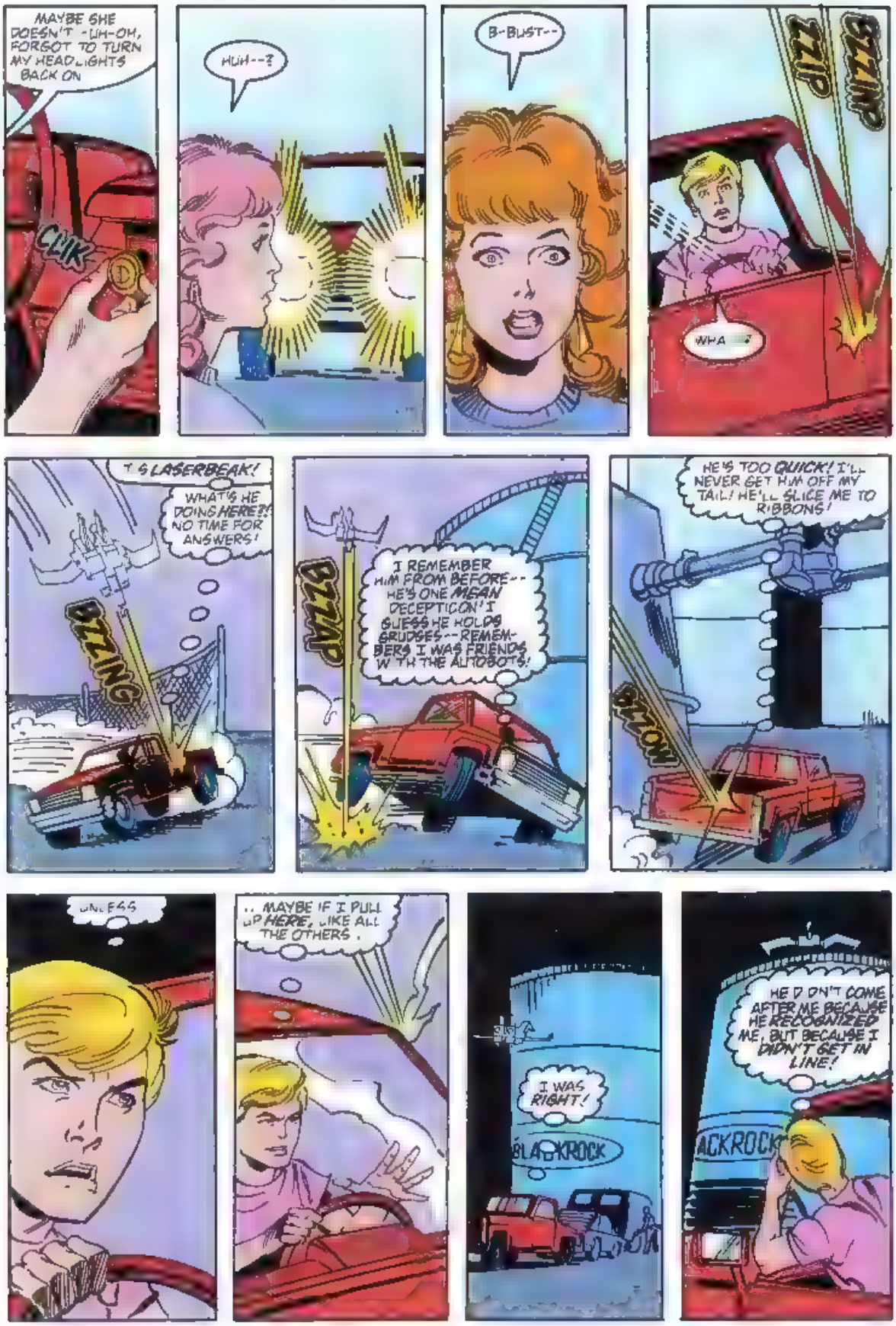
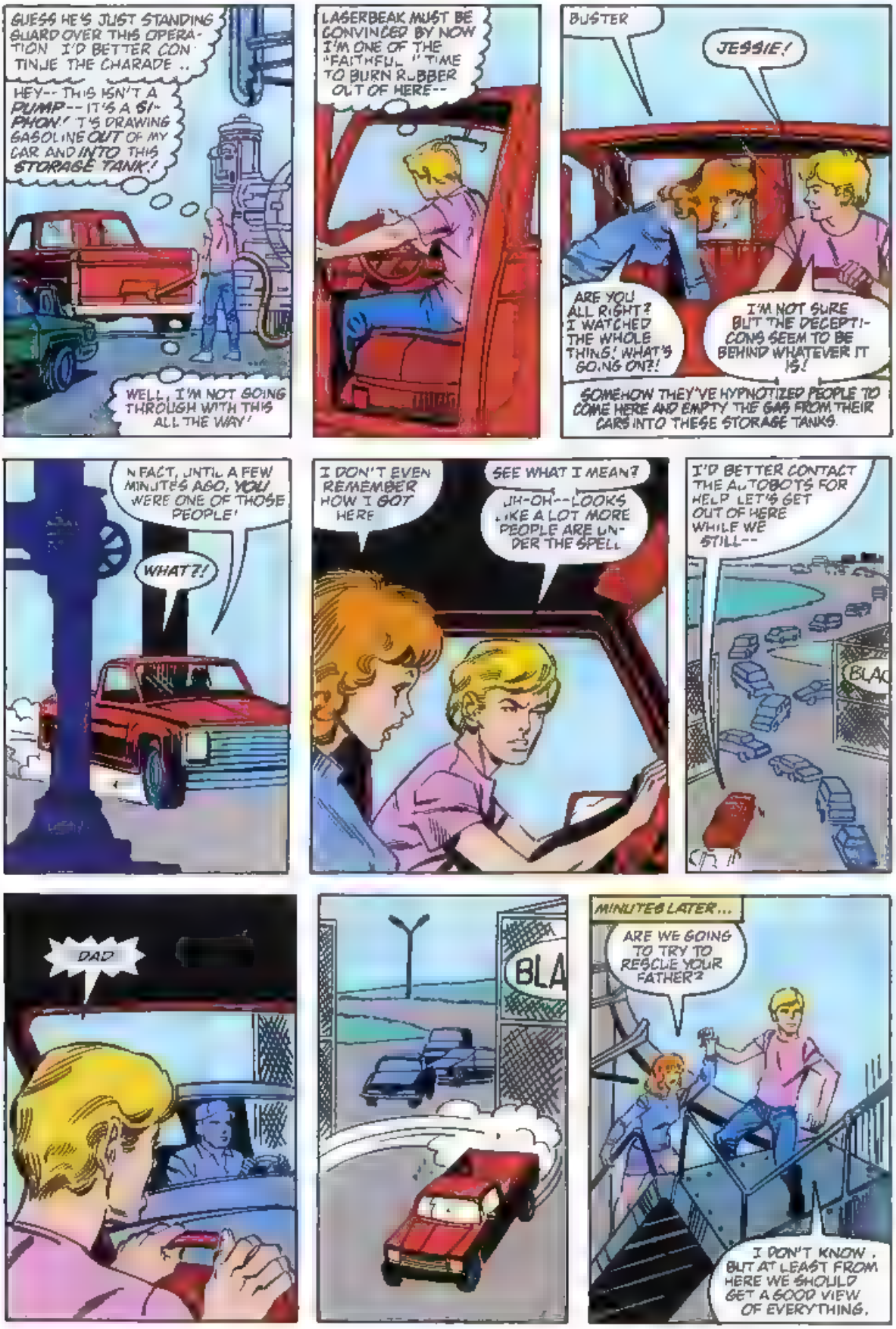
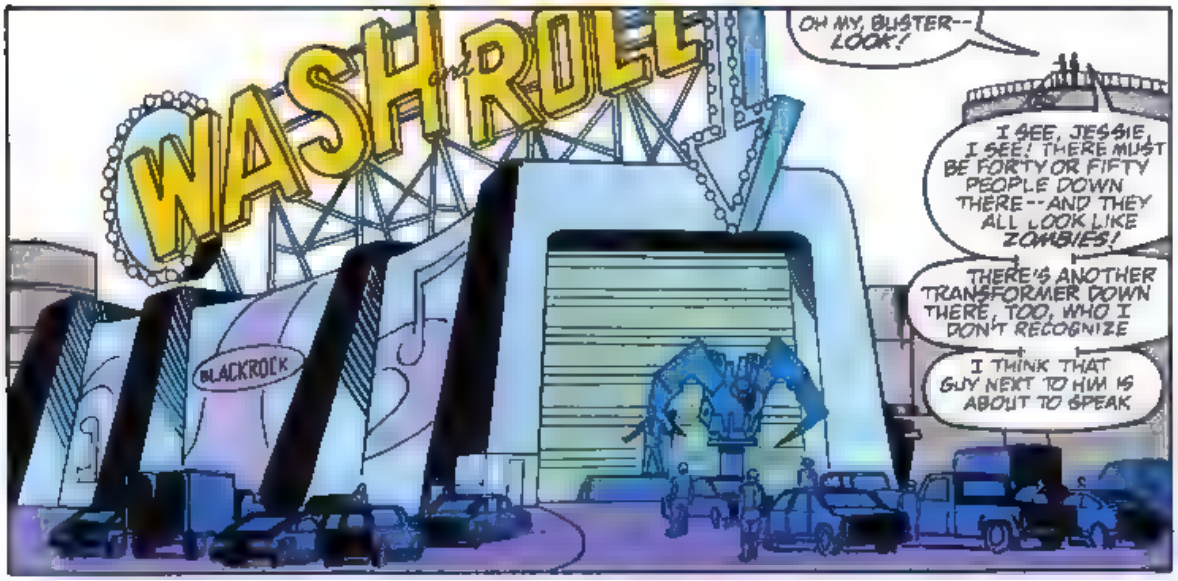
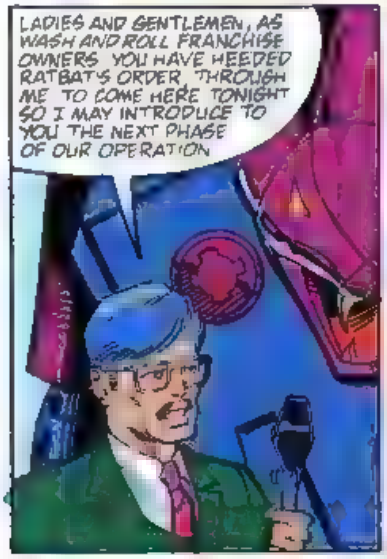
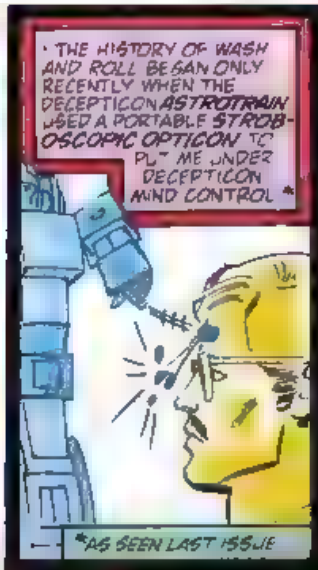

THIS IS THE BLACROCK OIL STORAGE FACILITY. MAYBE JESSIE HAS A NIGHT JOB SHE HASN'T TOLD ME ABOUT
BLACKROCK
NAH SHE'S PULLING UP BEHIND THOSE OTHER CARS
I'LL SIT HERE IN THE DARK, TURN MY LIGHTS OFF SEE WHAT SHE'S UP TO
SHE CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE JUST TO FILL UP?
BLACKROCK
NOW SHE'S DRIVING AWAY!
HEY, JESSIE, SLOW UP!
JESSIE!
SCREECH
JESSIE, I'M OVER HERE! IT'S ME BUSTER! DON'T YOU SEE ME?!

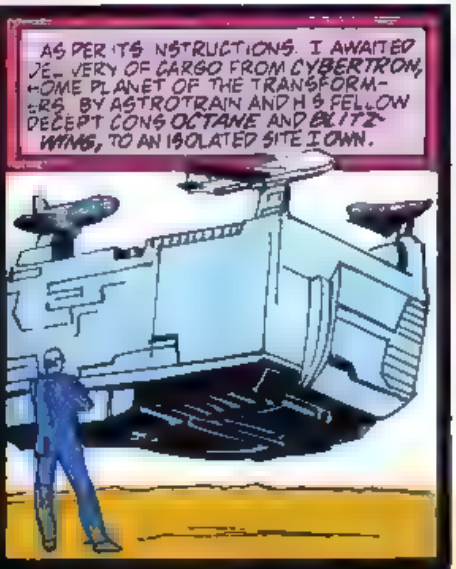

MAYBE SHE DOESN'T - UH-OH, FORGOT TO TURN MY HEADLIGHTS BACK ON
CLIK
HUH--?
B-BUST--
ZZZIP
ZZZIP
WHA
IT'S LASERBEAK!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?! NO TIME FOR ANSWERS!
OZZING
I REMEMBER HIM FROM BEFORE-- HE'S ONE MEAN DECEPTICON! I GUESS HE HOLDS GRUDGES-- REMEMBERS I WAS FRIENDS W TH THE AUTOBOTS!
OZZAP
HE'S TOO QUICK! I'LL NEVER GET HIM OFF MY TAIL! HE'LL SLICE ME TO RIBBONS!
OZZOW
UNLESS
.. MAYBE IF I PULL UP HERE, LIKE ALL THE OTHERS .
I WAS RIGHT!
BLACKROCK
HE D DN'T COME AFTER ME BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED ME, BUT BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET IN LINE!
ACKROCK

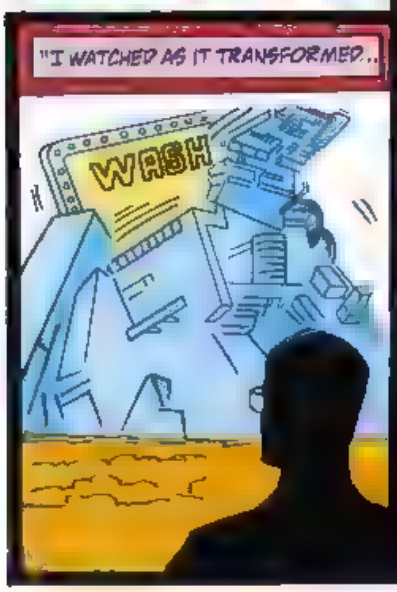

GUESS HE'S JUST STANDING GUARD OVER THIS OPERATION. I'D BETTER CONTINUE THE CHARADE..
HEY-- THIS ISN'T A PUMP-- IT'S A SIPHON! IT'S DRAWING GASOLINE OUT OF MY CAR AND INTO THIS STORAGE TANK!
WELL, I'M NOT GOING THROUGH WITH THIS ALL THE WAY!
LASERBEAK MUST BE CONVINCED BY NOW I'M ONE OF THE "FAITHFUL." TIME TO BURN RUBBER OUT OF HERE--
BUSTER
JESSIE!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I WATCHED THE WHOLE THING! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I'M NOT SURE BUT THE DECEPTICONS SEEM TO BE BEHIND WHATEVER IT IS!
SOMEHOW THEY'VE HYPNOTIZED PEOPLE TO COME HERE AND EMPTY THE GAS FROM THEIR CARS INTO THESE STORAGE TANKS.
IN FACT, UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AGO, YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE!
WHAT?!
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW I GOT HERE
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
UH-OH-- LOOKS LIKE A LOT MORE PEOPLE ARE UNDER THE SPELL
I'D BETTER CONTACT THE AUTOBOTS FOR HELP. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE STILL--
BLAC
DAD
BLA
MINUTES LATER...
ARE WE GOING TO TRY TO RESCUE YOUR FATHER?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT AT LEAST FROM HERE WE SHOULD GET A GOOD VIEW OF EVERYTHING.


WASH and ROLL
BLACKROCK
OH MY, BUSTER--LOOK!
I SEE, JESSIE, I SEE! THERE MUST BE FORTY OR FIFTY PEOPLE DOWN THERE--AND THEY ALL LOOK LIKE ZOMBIES!
THERE'S ANOTHER TRANSFORMER DOWN THERE, TOO, WHO I DON'T RECOGNIZE
I THINK THAT GUY NEXT TO HIM IS ABOUT TO SPEAK

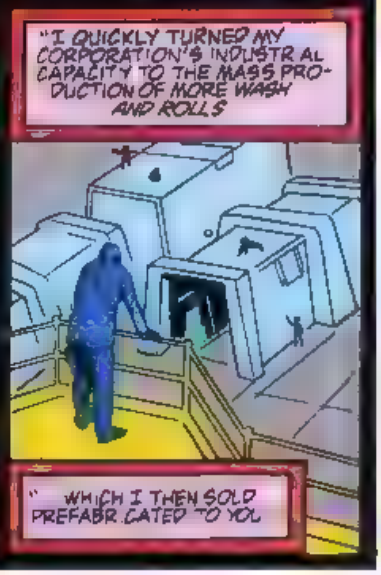

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS WASH AND ROLL FRANCHISE OWNERS, YOU HAVE HEEDED RATBAT'S ORDER THROUGH ME TO COME HERE TONIGHT SO I MAY INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR OPERATION

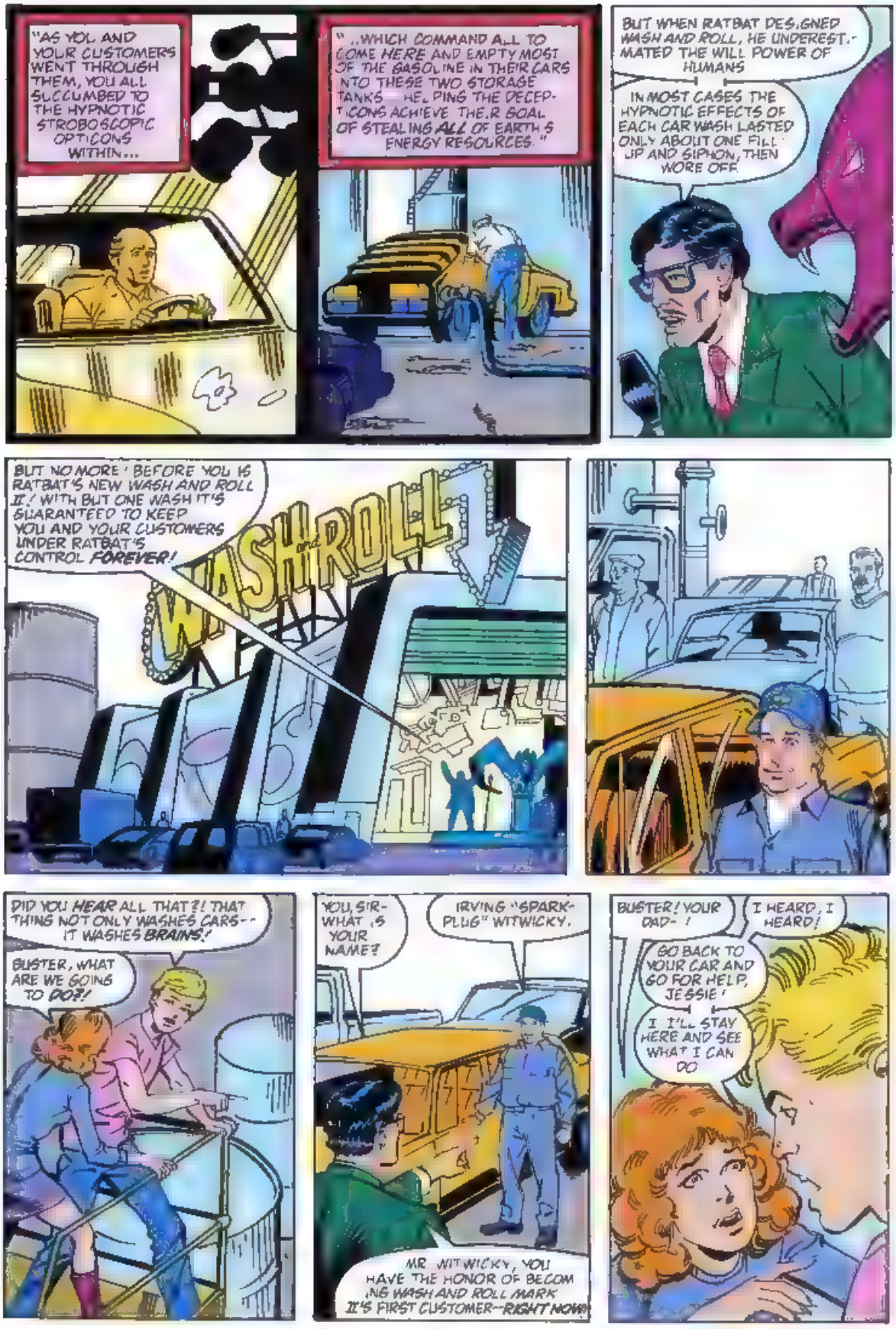

"THE HISTORY OF WASH AND ROLL BEGAN ONLY RECENTLY WHEN THE DECEPTICON ASTROTRAIN USED A PORTABLE STROBOSCOPIC OPTICON TO PUT ME UNDER DECEPTICON MIND CONTROL*
*AS SEEN LAST ISSUE

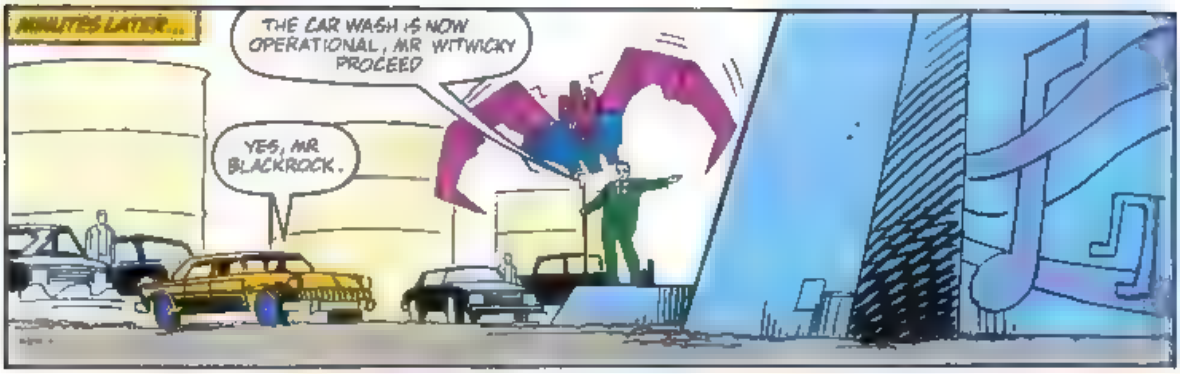

AS PER ITS INSTRUCTIONS, I AWAITED DELIVERY OF CARGO FROM CYBERTRON, HOME PLANET OF THE TRANSFORMERS, BY ASTROTRAIN AND HIS FELLOW DECEPTICONS OCTANE AND BLITZWING, TO AN ISOLATED SITE I OWN.

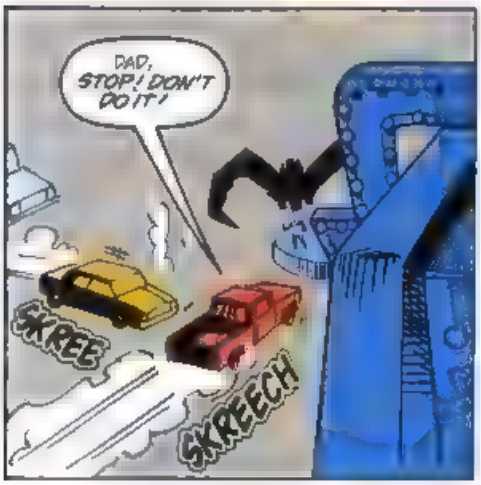

"I WATCHED AS IT TRANSFORMED..
WASH

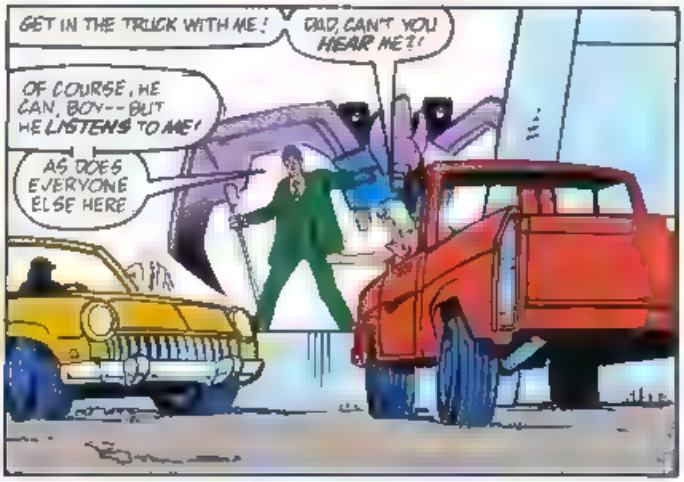
INTO THE FIRST PROTOTYPE 'WASH AND ROLL'
WASH and ROLL
CAR WASH

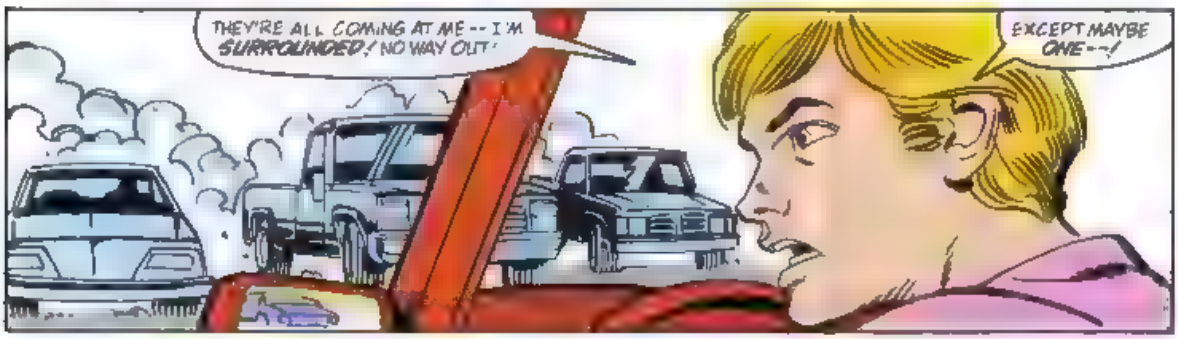

"I QUICKLY TURNED MY CORPORATION'S INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY TO THE MASS PRODUCTION OF MORE WASH AND ROLLS
"...WHICH I THEN SOLD PREFABRICATED TO YOU

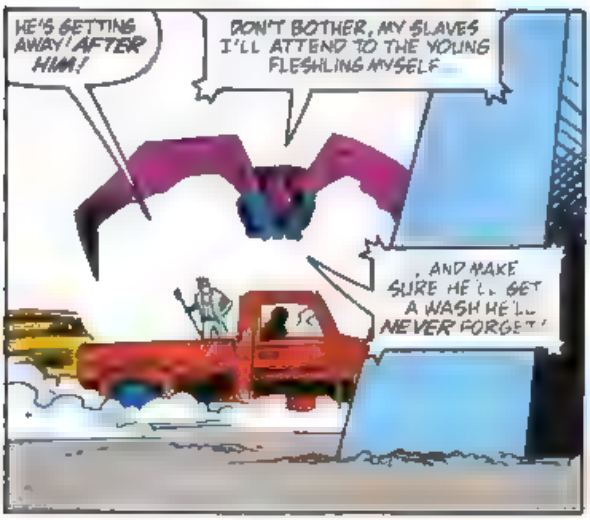

"AS YOU AND YOUR CUSTOMERS WENT THROUGH THEM, YOU ALL SUCCUMBED TO THE HYPNOTIC STROBOSCOPIC OPTICONS WITHIN...
"...WHICH COMMAND ALL TO COME HERE AND EMPTY MOST OF THE GASOLINE IN THEIR CARS INTO THESE TWO STORAGE TANKS — HELPING THE DECEPTICONS ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL OF STEALING ALL OF EARTH'S ENERGY RESOURCES."
BUT WHEN RATBAT DESIGNED WASH AND ROLL, HE UNDERESTIMATED THE WILL POWER OF HUMANS
IN MOST CASES THE HYPNOTIC EFFECTS OF EACH CAR WASH LASTED ONLY ABOUT ONE FILL UP AND SIPHON, THEN WORE OFF.
BUT NO MORE! BEFORE YOU IS RATBAT'S NEW WASH AND ROLL II! WITH BUT ONE WASH IT'S GUARANTEED TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR CUSTOMERS UNDER RATBAT'S CONTROL FOREVER!
WASH'N'ROLL
DID YOU HEAR ALL THAT?! THAT THING NOT ONLY WASHES CARS-- IT WASHES BRAINS!
BUSTER, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!
YOU, SIR- WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
IRVING "SPARK-PLUG" WITWICKY.
MR. WITWICKY, YOU HAVE THE HONOR OF BECOMING WASH AND ROLL MARK II'S FIRST CUSTOMER--RIGHT NOW!
BUSTER! YOUR DAD-!
I HEARD, I HEARD!
GO BACK TO YOUR CAR AND GO FOR HELP, JESSIE!
I I'LL STAY HERE AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO

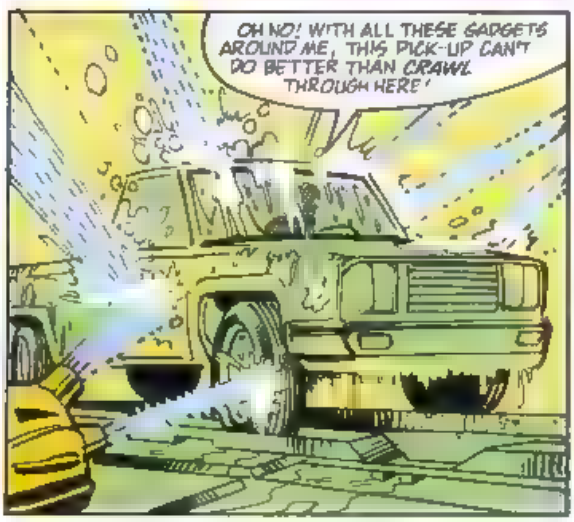

MINUTES LATER...
THE CAR WASH IS NOW OPERATIONAL, MR WITWICKY PROCEED
YES, MR BLACKROCK.

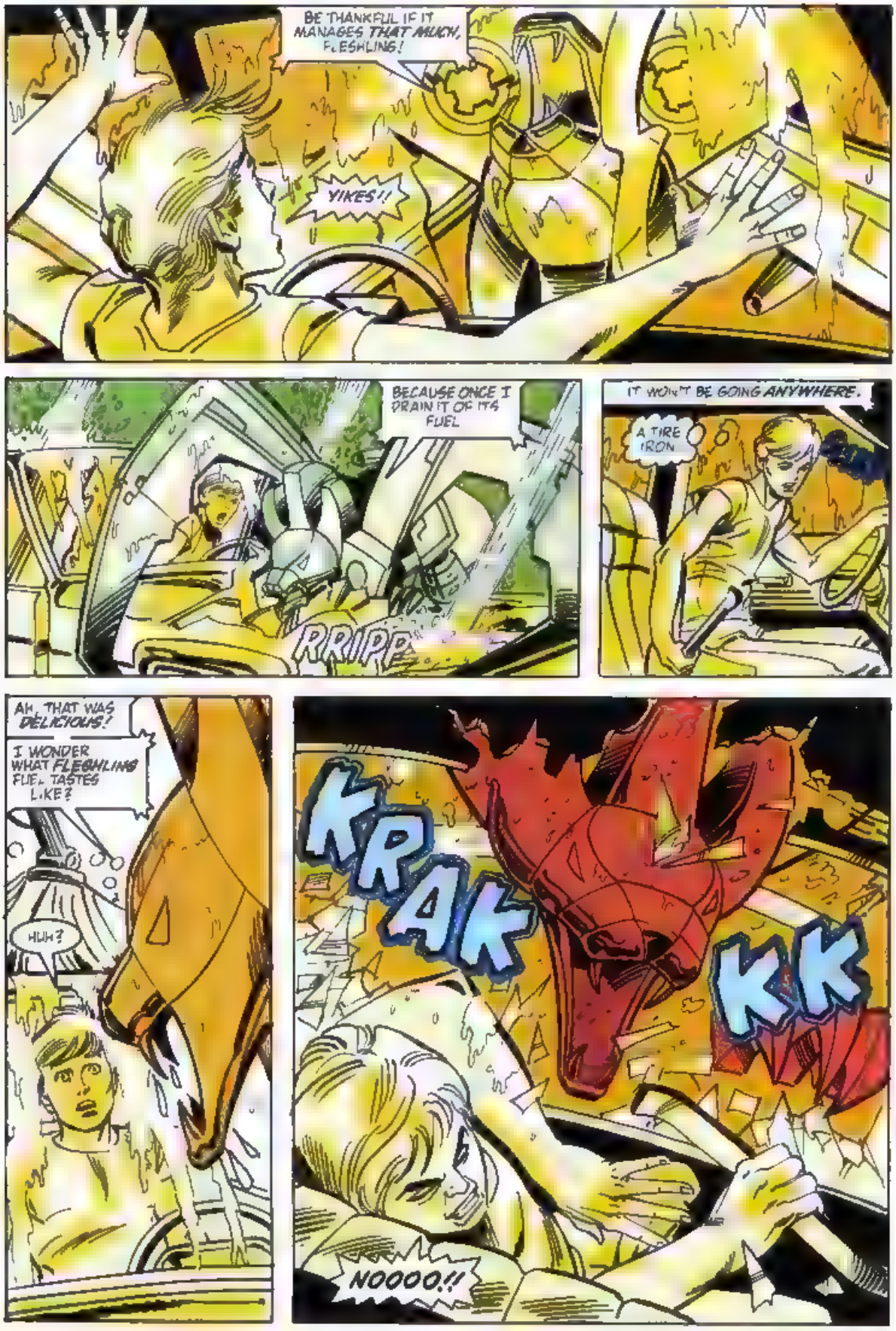

DAD, STOP! DON'T DO IT!
SKREE
SKREECH!


GET IN THE TRUCK WITH ME!
DAD, CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
OF COURSE, HE CAN, BOY--BUT HE LISTENS TO ME!
AS DOES EVERYONE ELSE HERE

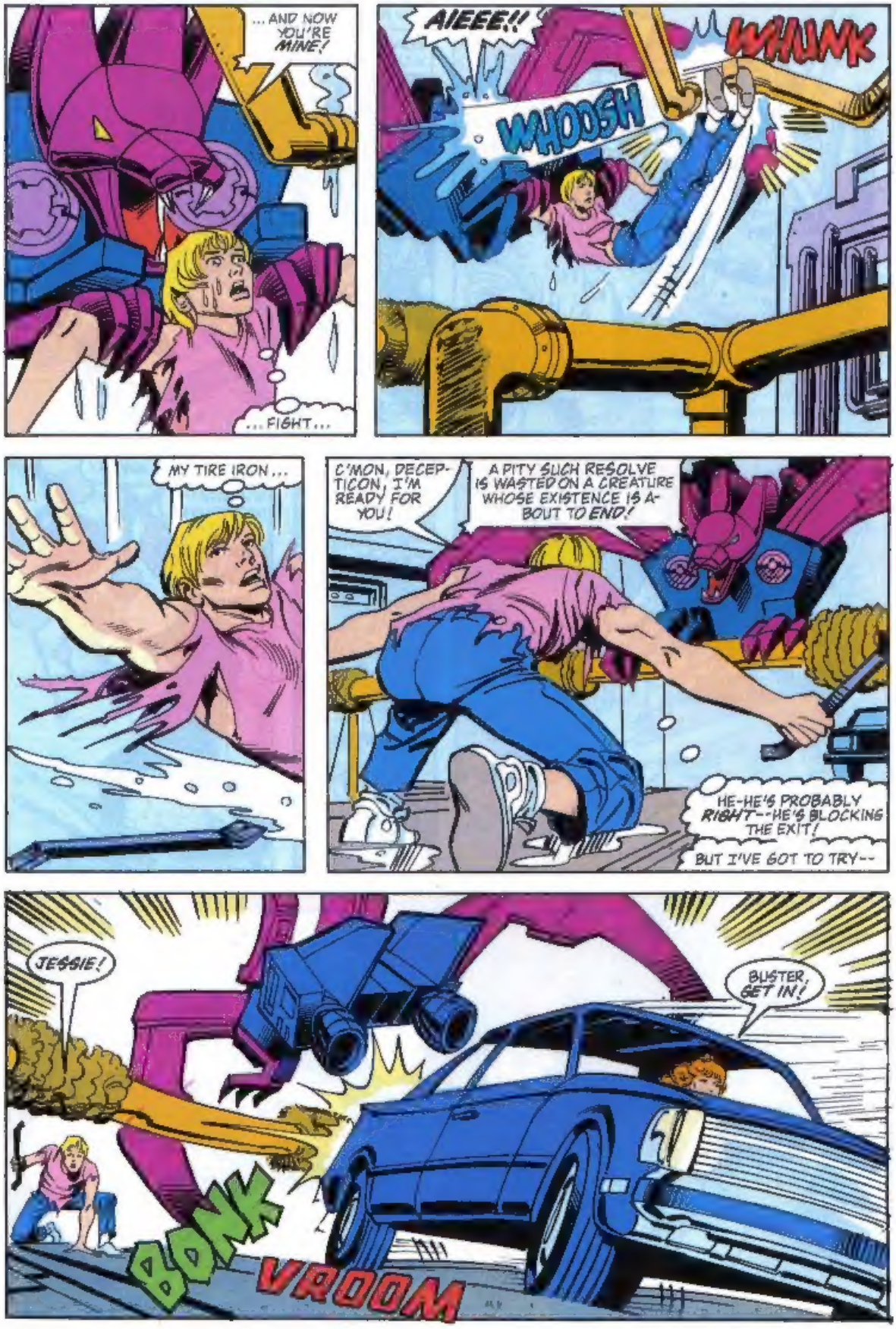

THEY'RE ALL COMING AT ME--I'M SURROUNDED! NO WAY OUT!
EXCEPT MAYBE ONE--!


HE'S GETTING AWAY! AFTER HIM!
DON'T BOTHER, MY SLAVES I'LL ATTEND TO THE YOUNG FLESHLING MYSELF...
, AND MAKE SURE HE'LL GET A WASH HE'LL NEVER FORGET!

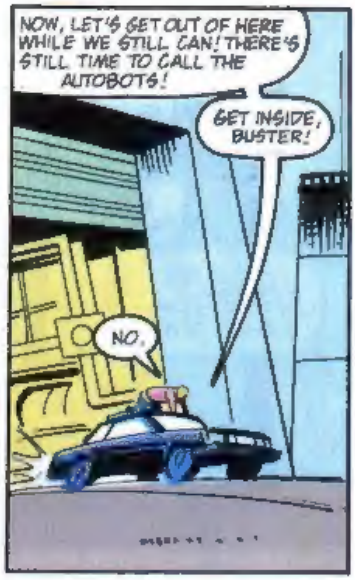

OH NO! WITH ALL THESE GADGETS AROUND ME, THIS PICK-UP CAN'T DO BETTER THAN CRAWL THROUGH HERE!


BE THANKFUL IF IT MANAGES THAT MUCH, FLESHLING!
YIKES!!
BECAUSE ONCE I DRAIN IT OF ITS FUEL
RRIPP
IT WON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE.
A TIRE IRON
AH, THAT WAS DELICIOUS!
I WONDER WHAT FLESHLING FUEL TASTES LIKE?
HUH?
KRAK
KK
NOOOO!!

GOT TO GET AWAY!
TRYING TO ESCAPE, FLESHLING?
HOW WASTEFUL!
CONSERVE YOUR ENERGY!
SURRENDER TO THE INEVITABLE!
OOF!
WHAP
YOU CAN STUFF THE INEVITABLE, BAT-BREATH!
A...MOST TO THE EXIT-
--UH! THOSE LIGHTS!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO M-ME?
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, FLESHLING-
--THAT PUNY PROTOPLASMIC PUDDLE YOU CALL A BRAIN HAS FALLEN TO THE HYPNOTIC BARRAGE OF MY STROBOSCOPIC OPT CON.
GOT TO FIGHT.. IT..

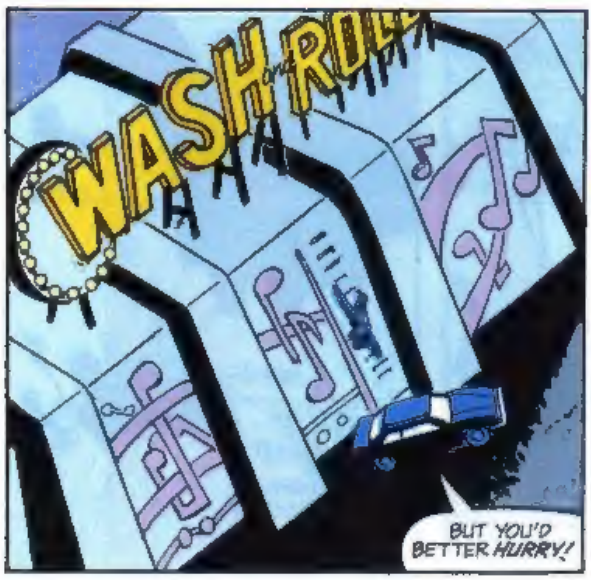

...AND NOW YOU'RE MINE!
...FIGHT...
AIEEE!!
WHOOSH
WHUNK
MY TIRE IRON...
C'MON, DECEPTICON, I'M READY FOR YOU!
A PITY SUCH RESOLVE IS WASTED ON A CREATURE WHOSE EXISTENCE IS ABOUT TO END!
HE-HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT--HE'S BLOCKING THE EXIT!
BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY--
JESSIE!
BUSTER, GET IN!
BONK
VROOM

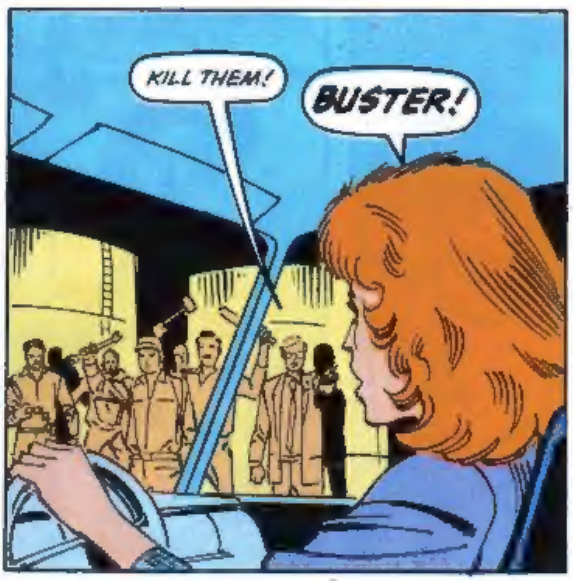
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GO FOR HELP!
OHH...
I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU HERE TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER ALL ALONE!

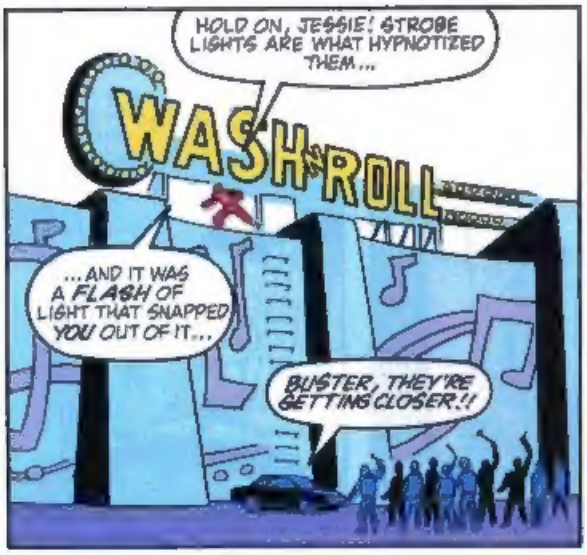

NOW, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE STILL CAN! THERE'S STILL TIME TO CALL THE AUTOBOTS!
GET INSIDE, BUSTER!
NO.

NO?! WHY NOT?
I CAN'T CALL THE AUTOBOTS AND HOPE THEY GET HERE IN TIME! I'VE GOT TO SETTLE THIS RIGHT NOW!

PULL OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE CAR WASH.
ALL RIGHT--


WASH and ROLL
BUT YOU'D BETTER HURRY!


KILL THEM!
BUSTER!


HOLD ON, JESSIE! STROBE LIGHTS ARE WHAT HYPNOTIZED THEM...
WASH'N'ROLL
...AND IT WAS A FLASH OF LIGHT THAT SNAPPED YOU OUT OF IT...
BUSTER, THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER!!

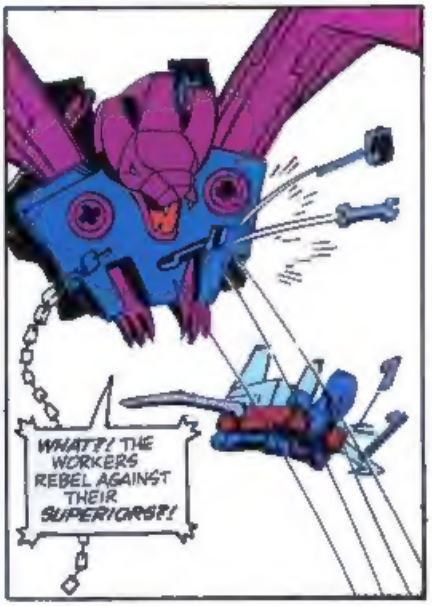
WAS
...SO ANOTHER FLASH SHOULD DO THE SAME TRICK HERE!

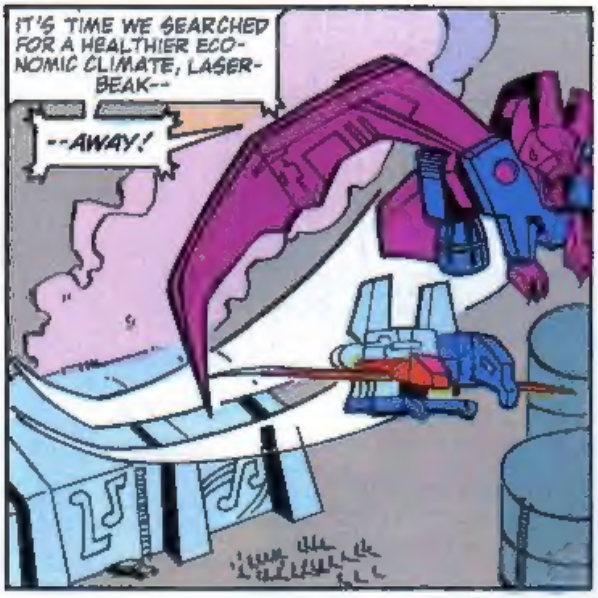
KKKRAKKK
WASH'N'ROLL

THE EXPLODING BRILLIANCE OF THE NEON SIGN SHATTERS THE HYPNOTIC WALLS ENVELOPING THE MINDS OF THOSE ASSEMBLED...

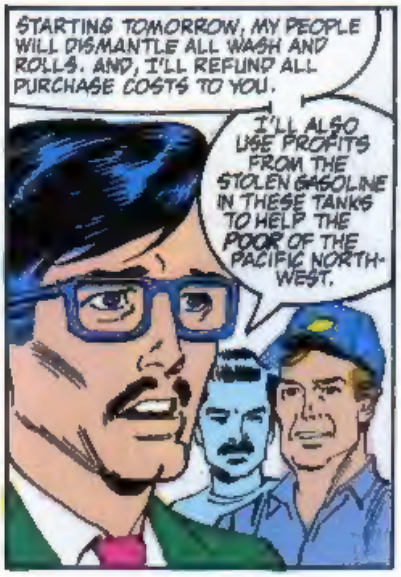
...AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A VERY LONG WHILE...
...THEY CAN TRULY SEE...
WHA--?!

THERE IS THE FLESHLING, LASER BEAK! KILL HIM!
TH-THOSE ARE DECEPTICONS-- AND THEY CAN'T BE UP TO ANY GOOD!
AND THAT'S MY SON THEY'RE AFTER!
STOP THEM!

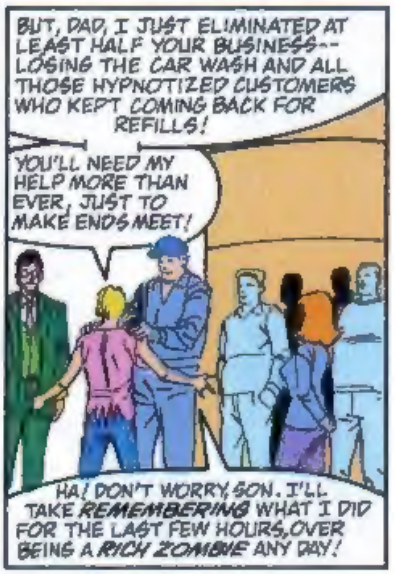

WHAT?! THE WORKERS REBEL AGAINST THEIR SUPERIORS?!


IT'S TIME WE SEARCHED FOR A HEALTHIER ECONOMIC CLIMATE, LASER-BEAK--
--AWAY!

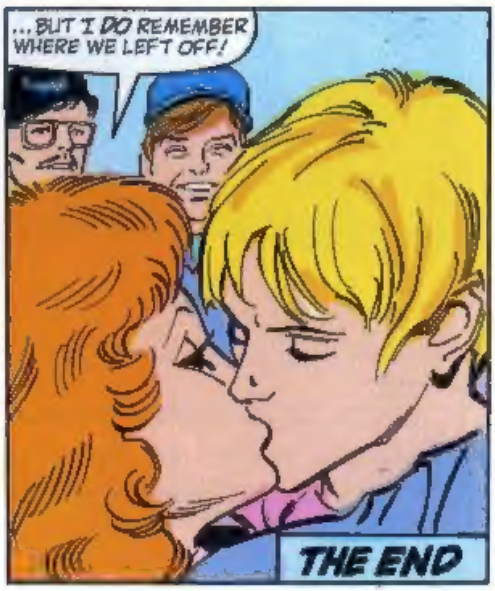
SOON, AFTER BUSTER WITWICKY AND G.B. BLACKROCK HAVE SHARED WHAT THEY KNOW TO EXPLAIN MOST OF WHAT'S TRANSPIRED TO THOSE PRESENT...
... AND THANKS AGAIN, KIDS. WE'D ALL BE PUMPING GAS FOR THE DECEPTICONS FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU TWO!
THAT'S NOT A GOOD CAREER MOVE FOR ANYONE, MR. BLACKROCK.


STARTING TOMORROW, MY PEOPLE WILL DISMANTLE ALL WASH AND ROLLS. AND, I'LL REFUND ALL PURCHASE COSTS TO YOU.
I'LL ALSO USE PROFITS FROM THE STOLEN GASOLINE IN THESE TANKS TO HELP THE POOR OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

BUSTER, I'M PROUD OF YOU. AND YOU'RE RIGHT--PUMPING GAS ISN'T A GOOD CAREER, ESPECIALLY FOR A BRIGHT BOY LIKE YOU.
FROM NOW ON, I PROMISE YOU'LL HAVE A LOT MORE TIME FOR YOURSELF.


BUT, DAD, I JUST ELIMINATED AT LEAST HALF YOUR BUSINESS--LOSING THE CAR WASH AND ALL THOSE HYPNOTIZED CUSTOMERS WHO KEPT COMING BACK FOR REFILLS!
YOU'LL NEED MY HELP MORE THAN EVER, JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET!
HA! DON'T WORRY, SON. I'LL TAKE REMEMBERING WHAT I DID FOR THE LAST FEW HOURS, OVER BEING A RICH ZOMBIE ANY DAY!

I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH FROM THE LAST FEW HOURS, EITHER, BUSTER...


...BUT I DO REMEMBER WHERE WE LEFT OFF!
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